

# **Transportation Conformity Working Group**

## **Interagency Consultation**

### **Meeting Summary**

Thursday, October 25, 2005  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Southern California Association of Governments  
818 W 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Riverside 'A' Conference Room

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The following minutes are intended to summarize the matters discussed.  
Due to technical difficulties there is no audio recording of the meeting available for review.

#### **1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 AM by Ty Schuiling, SANBAG

#### **2.0 WELCOME AND SELF-INTRODUCTIONS**

##### **ATTENDANCE:**

##### **In Person:**

Naresh Amatya, SCAG  
Grace Balmir, FHWA/FTA  
Herman Cheng, MTA  
Ashad Hamideh, MTA  
Ted Harris, SCAG  
Jessica Kirchner, SCAG  
Anup Kulkarni, OCTA  
Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG  
Ty Schuiling, SANBAG  
Eyvonne Sells, AQMD  
Arnie Sherwood, ITS/UCB  
Paul Taylor, OCTA  
Carla Walecka, TCA  
Leann Williams, Caltrans  
Sandy Johnson, Caltrans  
Meenu Chandan, Caltrans  
Dan Phu, Parsons  
Al Bowser, SCAG  
Douglas Kim, MTA  
Sean Yeuz, Caltrans  
Debbie Helbig, City of Santa Clarita  
Laleh Modrek, Caltrans  
Hasan Ikhata, SCAG  
Philip Law, SCAG

**Via Teleconference:**

Mike Brady, Caltrans Headquarters  
Paul Fagan, Caltrans District 8  
Jack Thomas, Ventura County Air Pollution  
Jean Mazur, FHWA  
Karina O'Connor, EPA Region 9  
Ted Matley, FTA Region 9

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments at this meeting.

**4.0 CHAIR'S REPORT**

There was no report at this time.

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 Approval of the September 22, 2005 Meeting Summary**

Jean Mazur asked that her request for RTP Project Numbers for projects, under the item of TCM replacement discussion, be included in the summary.

**6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6.1 RTIP Update (Rosemary Ayala, SCAG)**

The Regional Council, at its October meeting, approved the release of the 2006 RTIP Guidelines.

RTIP Amendment #9 has been approved by Caltrans.  
RTIP Amendment #13 will be completed and mailed out this week.  
RTIP Amendment #16 is due from the CTC's this week and is the last scheduled amendment.

**6.2 RTP Update (Naresh Amatya, SCAG)**

SCAG received a formal request from OCTA to amend the RTP and the RTIP to replace the Centerline project. Staff is currently reviewing and studying the options to accommodate this request.

Staff is contemplating on whether to utilize the SAFETEA-LU 4 year update cycle or 3 year cycle. There are clarifications necessary before the determination can be made.

Staff is continuing to look at the possibility of performing a focused update to the plan.

**6.3 Centerline Update (Paul Taylor, OCTA)**

On October 14, 2005, the OCTA Board approved a package of staff recommendations to move forward on activities to replace the Centerline and the Yorba Linda Station. This includes an additional Bus Rapid Transit Line from the north part of the county to the Irvine Transportation Center, expansion of the Metrolink Service into the Inland Empire, a Shuttle Bus in the Irvine Business Center that extends to the new Rapid Bus Line, and 3 or more ride free on the 91 Express Lanes, in addition the Fullerton Station Parking Structure project

replaces the Yorba Linda Station project. There will be separate follow-up meetings to discuss the replacement.

**6.4 TCM Update** (Jessica Kirchner), SCAG

Staff has only received project status input from OCTA and FHWA. The deadline for responses is November 15. Staff is also working on further guidance on TCM's and would appreciate the groups input on items requiring clarification.

**6.5 2007 AQMP Update** (SCAQMD)

SCAQMD is meeting on December 6, 2005, regarding modeling items and a Technical Advisory Meeting, as well as the Modeling Advisory Meeting will meet on December 7, 2005. The AQMP Working Group Advisory Meetings will begin late December, early January.

SCAQMD is working with CARB who is in the process of providing the district with the gross correction factors of the IMFACT 2000 mile.

**6.6 Reauthorization Guidance** (FHWA)

The Conformity Guidance should come out within a month or so.

**6.7 PM 2.5 Conformity Process** (Ted Harris), SCAG

The South Coast Air Basin has passed both interim-emissions tests. Staff will be going to the Energy and Environment Committee on November 3, 2005, to ask for release for a 45 day public comment period. Adoption should take place in January 2006. Any pre-release comments should be received by staff no later than November 2, 2005.

**6.8 Information Sharing** (Group Discussion)

Eyvonne Sells asked to speak with EPA after the meeting regarding a statement made regarding TCM's and the AQMP.

Ted Harris informed the group that he will be leaving SCAG to work in Sacramento.

**7.0 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM. The next meeting of the TCWG will be on Tuesday, November 22nd at the SCAG office.